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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FORENSIC CLIENTS PLACED WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Forensic client" means any person who (1) has been convicted,
3 or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, of any
4 criminal offense involving violence or sexual assault or abuse, or has a
5 history of violent behavior or sexual abuse, and (2) has been placed in
6 a residential facility operated or funded by the department after
7 release from custody or incarceration or as an alternative to
8 incarceration;

9 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Mental Retardation;
10 and

11 (3) "Department" means the Department of Mental Retardation.

12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
13 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish and implement the
14 policy of the department with respect to the placement and care of

15 forensic clients. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to,
16 provisions concerning: (1) The siting of residential facilities for forensic
17 clients; (2) the evaluation and placement of forensic clients; (3) notice
18 to the surrounding community of any such placement; (4) appropriate
19 levels of security and supervision of forensic clients; and (5) the care
20 and quality of life of forensic clients.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Mental Retardation to establish by regulation the department policy with respect to the placement and care of forensic clients.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]